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# MINUTES

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*Ninth Annual Session of the*  
**Tombigbee Baptist Association,**  
**OF NORTH EAST MISSISSIPPI.**

HELD WITH THE  
*Highland Baptist Church, Highland, Mississippi.*  
**OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 18, 1892**

WM. M. CHAFFIN, MODEBATOR, Eastman, Miss.

FRANK M. BLOUNT, CLERK AND TREASURER, Highland, Miss.

The next annual session of this body will be held with Mt. Pleasant church, seven Miles north of Fulton, Itawamba county, Miss., commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1893

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## PROCEEDINGS.

Ninth annual session of the Tombigbee Baptist Association, which was held with the church at Highland, beginning on Saturday, the 15th, day of October, A. D. 1892. The house was called to order by the Moderator. Eld J W Randolph being absent, Eld W W Gilbert, his alternate, preached the introductory sermon from the 17th verse of the 18th chapter of Matthew, subject, "Tell it unto the church."

After preaching, the body adjourned for refreshments, to meet again at 2 o'clock p. m.

### SATURDAY EVENING, 2 O'CLOCK.

At 2 o'clock the delegates reassembled and after the reading of the 121st Psalm by the Moderator, J F Benson, and prayer announced, the body was ready for business.

First; appointed a committee on finance. Namely; R T Senter, W H Rouse and J D McRae.

Second; appointed reading clerks, namely: F M Blount and T J Benson.

The following churches were represented by letter and delegates: Viz: Highland—J D McRae, F M Blount, J C Neal and J R Bickerstaff; Union—W F White, E L Cain, W J Clingan; Union Grove—N T Clayton, J K P Scott; Mt Zion—J H Powell, W D Shaw; Ebenezer—H S Deaton, O L Phillips, T J Selby; Bethlehem—Thos Martin, A J Stormont, M C Hill; Bethel—G W Vaughan, John McRae, R M Perry and J M Harrison; Salim—T J Johnson, F C Cleveland, Jas Allen; Antioch—W E Hodges, G W Yarbrough, S Mayhall; Mt Pisgah—W D Bookout, R F Smith, E L Lunsford; Providence—T J Benson, R E Martin, W B Hopkins; Hopewell—John L Wilson, W T Wilson, J H Lindly; Jacksons Camp—A P Hill, W S Stephens, M C Hill, sr; Red Bud W R Terrell, R J Hammett, J T Parker; Mt Pleasant—J F Robinson, W

H Rouse, R T Senter; Shiloh—W F Hall, J T Carmack; New Home—was represented by letter only.

### CALL FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

A petitionary letter was received from Prospect, W E Mann, J C Long and J R Mann, bearing said letter.

The Moderator in behalf of the body extended the right hand of fellowship.

By motion of Eld R M Perry the regular order of business was suspended to offer special prayer in behalf of the churches asking such. Prayer was led by the Moderator.

### CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother J T Bolding and R Rodgers presented themselves as corresponding delegates from the Big Bear Creek Association. They were received and kindly invited to seats, and to aid in the work of the body.

On motion, went into election of officers for the next associational year.

Elder Jas F Benson was reelected Moderator and F M Blount was elected clerk and treasurer. On motion, brother G W Carmack was received as delegate from Shiloh church.

On motion the arrangements of last year was adopted.

Committees were appointed in the following order by the Moderator.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Devotion—John McRae, John Wilson, J K P Scott, with Deacons of Highland church.

Publications—W D Shaw, J H Powell, M C Hill, jr; On Sunday Schools—R M Perry, Thos Martin, W E Mann; On Destitution—D R McClung, W D Bookout, J C Neal; Obituaries—R M Perry, Wm Chaffin, A J Stormont; State of Religion—W F White, W D Bookout, N T Clayton; On Temperance—T J Benson, Wm H Rouse, R T Senter; On Documents—O L Phillips, R E Martin, W B Hopkins; On Ministerial Education—John C Long, G W Yarbrough, R J Hammett; On Nominations—J D McRae, T J Johnson, J

**K P Scott.**

The committee on devotion reported that Eld W F White preach at night and Bro W D Bockout to follow.

Moved that the report on Sabbath schools be submitted and discussed at 9 o'clock Sunday. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder R M Perry. Called for report on Sunday Schools.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee are of opinion that a lengthy report on such an important subject to be read and perish with the reading would be out of place. We therefore instead of such, recommend the following outline of topics for immediate discussion.

First The Sunday Schools on individual blessing. 1st To grown up people. 2nd. To children. 1st To the church as a whole. 2nd. To the community in general

3rd. The relation of the Sunday school to the proper observance of the Lords day.

4th. Scripture authority for Sunday schools.

5th. Opposition to Sunday schools.

1st. Its origin. 2nd. Its results. Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PERRY, Chairman.

The above report was discussed by brother's W W Gilbert, J M Harrison, J T Bolding, J F Benson, J C Long and W F White, after which the following resolution was offered by J T Bolding.

Whereas; there seems to be a deficiency in the churches of the Tombigbee Association in regard to Sunday school work. Therefore be it

Resolved; That every pastor be requested to encourage the Sunday school work and try as far as possible to have one organized in each church and report to the next association the result.

The subject was further discussed by brothers A Hodges and R M Perry. Then on motion the subject was carried over to Monday morning. Adjourned for preaching.

#### SERVICES ELEVEN O'CLOCK

The congregation being too large for the seating capacity in the house, the people repaired to the grove where Eld. J F Benson addressed them on the subject of 'preaching the Gospel and the means of sustaining it.' Text, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16th chapt. 15th verse.

While the class was singing, "Will you listen to the old, old story," after the sermon, a collection was taken up for Mexican missions and the sum of \$5 60 was realized.

The Devotional committee reported that Bro. W D Shaw and J M Harrison preach at night.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT.

At 7 o'clock Eld. W D Shaw preached from the word Watch. The christian part of the congregation was considerably revived and sinners manifested a great interest. Long will that time be remembered.

The committee on devotion reported that Eld. J F Benson would preach at 11 on Monday.

#### MONDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 14 and 15 Psalms for the morning les on after which he announced a request from sister Jessie Waddle that the association remember her in prayer in her affliction. The loss of her husband and our brother Jessie Waddle. Eld. D R McCung was selected to offer up the prayer, after which business was taken up.

On motion Bro. W M Buttler be seated as delegate from Salim church.

The subject of Sunday schools taken up again and discussed by D R McCung, W H Rouse, R J Hammett, J T



Bolding, R M Perry, who read report again; J C Long, J F Benson, and W H Rouse, when on motion the report and resolution was adopted. The speakers were limited to five minutes. The report on publication called for.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATION

Your committee on publications recommend first of all to read the Bible.

We recommend the Baptist Record, our State Organ, published at Meridian, Miss. The American Baptist, published at St. Louis, Mo. with its Sunday school literature Kind Words, published at Nashville. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va. The Convention Board Quarterly, published at Jackson, Miss. The Sunday School Literature, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta. Respectfully submitted.

W. D. SHAW, Chairman.

The report was amended by W. W. Gilbert by striking out the American Baptist Publication Societies Literature, of Philadelphia, Boston, and so on.

Discussed by W W Gilbert, R M Perry, W F White, J T Bolding, and adopted with the amendment.

Call for report on nominations.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations report as follows, we place in nomination for the next association Mt Pleasant church, Elder D R McClung to preach the introductory sermon. J M Harrison alternate. Elder R M Perry to preach the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday with Eld. W W Gilbert alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. P. SCOTT

Chairman

The report read, received and adopted by amending that Eld. W W Gilbert be alternate to Eld. R M Perry on missionary sermon at next association.

#### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We your committee on documents beg leave to report as follows.

We notice some of the churches report revivals while others lukewarmness.

We find the number of accessions by Baptism, to be 68, which is greater than that of last year. We find Sunday schools in a low state.

The union of the first district will meet with Mt. Zion church, Itawamba county, Miss., Friday before the first Sunday in August 1893. Introductory by Eld. J F Benson, Noah Clayton alternate.

The union of the second district will meet with Ebenezer church Tishomingo county, Miss., Friday before the second Sunday in August 1893, introductory by Eld. W W Gilbert. Eld. D R McClung alternate. We find one request for the next association by the Mt. Pleasant church, Itawamba county, Miss. Respectfully submitted.

O. L. PHILLIPS, Chairman

Adopted.

Call for report of committee on sustentation.

The report was read by Bro. J H Powell, Chairman, showing that he had received for the use of Bro. M A Brazzeal \$19 15. And an account of \$17 65 paid for his sustenance. Leaving on hand \$150. A collection was then taken up and \$4 10 was paid J H Powell for the use of Eld. M A Brazzeal. After the reception of Bro. Powell's statement, he was retained as chairman of the committee and Bro. R T Senter and W H Rouse was added to the committee.

Bro. J F Benson asked leave of absence to meet one Montgomery, a minister of the Methodist persuasion near Rara Avis, Miss. Leave was granted.

By acclamation, Bro. Wm. M Chaffin was elected Moderator.

On motion, adjourned for preaching, to meet again at 1 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock, Eld. J F Benson preached on the subject of "close communion," after which, the delegates bade him good by while the hymn, "How firm a Foundation" was being sung.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W T White. Call for report on Ministerial education.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We your committee on ministerial education submit the following report: We believe that our ministers should be educated that they may be able to rightly divide the Word of Truth and give each his portion in due season.

We furthermore recommend to the churches that when they find any of God's Ministers in need of an education, that the church or churches, should at once aid them by furnishing the necessary means. We advise the churches to give this matter due consideration. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. LONG, Chairman.

The report was discussed by W W Gilbert, W F White, J T Bolding, D R McClung, R M Perry and J C Long.

The following amendment was offered by F M Blount.

That the delegates be requested to solicit subscription from their respective churches at their first meeting after the association, or as soon thereafter as possible for ministerial education, and send the amount raised to the clerks of Mt. Pisgah and Union grove churches for the use of Brothers W D Bookout and Noah T Clayton, Licentiates in the ministry.

The report and amendment was adopted.

Called for report on destitution.

#### DESTITUTION.

We your committee on destitution report as follows. We find a large destitution south east of this association. Also a destitution on the West side. We find two points destitute

known as Sandy Springs and Burnt Fields. Also in the North east corner in the fork of Bear and Cedar creeks. We recommend that the executive committee appoint ministers to supply these destitutions with monthly preaching. We also recommend that this body raise means to pay for work done in these destitutions. Respectfully submitted. D. R. MCCLUNG

Chairman.

The above report was discussed by W W Gilbert, W D Bookout, D R McClung W F White and R M Perry, and at this junction the reading of the report on missions was called for and the two subjects were discussed jointly.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS

Your committee on missions submit the following report.

As Christ was a missionary from Heaven, and the Bible is a missionary book, and as the missionary spirit of the Baptist denomination is its greatest strength, and its missionary record its greatest glory. So each church and christian should do all in their power to carry out the design and aim of the Head of the church, to preach the gospel to every creature, while a risen and a-sended Lord sits at the right hand of the magisty on high, to grant repentance and remission of sins, and how christians can be content without it we cannot understand. Hence, we suggest that the churches of this Association, help the men they have set apart for this work, and require of them the cultivation of the field of destitution reported in her bounds, until the cry of destitution cease to be heard in our midst, for we have the men. Respectfully submitted. W. W GILBERT, Chairman.

On motion the reports on destitution and missions was tabled till 10 o'clock, Tuesday.

Call for report on finance.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your committee on finance beg leave

to make the following report.  
 Minute funds,  
 Mexican missions,  
 Associated missions,

\$16.05  
 7.95  
 13.60  
 \$37.60

Total,

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. SENTER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Brothers J T Benson and R M Perry  
 was appointed by the moderator to  
 prepare a letter from the association to  
 Eld J G Chastain, Missionary from  
 the Tombigbee association, in Mexico.

Leave of absence was granted Bros  
 E Maon J C Long and Eld W D Shaw.

Adjourned to meet at 8 30 o'clock  
 Tuesday morning.

Bros W D Bookout and Noah Clay-  
 ton preached on Monday night. Text.  
 105 Ps 42 and 43 verses.

#### TUESDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment; prayer  
 by E d R M Perry.

On motion the pledges of last year,  
 1892, by churches and individuals was  
 read and the pledges called for, sev-  
 eral paid their pledges and others  
 vouched for the forth coming of their  
 pledges.

On motion the pledges of brothers  
 W D Page and W F White be can-  
 cled for services rendered.

Pledges called for from individuals  
 for associational missions for the  
 year 1893.

On this subject the floor was occupied  
 by the following brethren; R M Perry.  
 W F White, D R McClung, N F Clay-  
 ton, W D Bookout and W W Gilbert.  
 The pledges will be presented to the  
 body at her next annual meeting by  
 the treasurer.

The following resolutions was read  
 by Eld R M Perry.

Resolved; That this body elect an  
 executive committee into whose hands  
 the matter of supplying the destitu-  
 tions reported to this session be given  
 by taking possession of so many impor-

tant stations within this destitution  
 as they can get ministers to fill, and  
 that some brother be appointed to  
 take up a collection, by cash and  
 pledges at their first meeting and re-  
 port same to the executive board.

The resolution was adopted and by  
 motion the executive board was con-  
 tinued as it stood last year. Namely:  
 John McRae, W M Chaffin, R. T. Sen-  
 ter, J M Weaver, W H Rouse and R J  
 Hammett.

Ten o'clock, having tabled the re-  
 ports on destitution and missions to  
 be taken up this hour, the subjects  
 was discussed and reports adopted.

Call for reading of letter to Eld J G  
 Chastain, which was read by bro.  
 J T Benson and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER TO J G CHAS-  
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Highland, Miss.

Oct. 18, 1892.

Eld J G Chastain. Matehuala

Mexico.

Dear brother: Tombigbee has again  
 met, and in especial manner the  
 thoughts of the brotherhood turn to  
 you in your distant field. We very  
 greatly missed your letter to our body  
 at this session, but hope that all is  
 going well with you, and that God our  
 common Lord, is greatly blessing your  
 labors in that Priest ridden land. Be  
 assured dear brother, that while you  
 are toiling and suffering for our mas-  
 ter in the field to which the spirit has  
 led you, your brethren here in the  
 land of your nativity will not forget  
 you, in their petitions, at a throne of  
 grace.

Our association as you are aware is  
 far behind, in the measure we could  
 wish, in grace of giving, yet some little  
 has been done. May the Lord enlarge  
 the hearts of our people, that they  
 may run the way of His command-  
 ment. May the master, whom we all  
 love give us grace so to live, that  
 though our fields of labor be far apart,

we may meet in the sweet "By and by" in that "Blessed Home" where the sheaves shall be exchanged for a shining crown

By order of Tombigbee association,  
W M CHAFFIN, Moderator.

F M BLOUNT, Clerk

Call for report on state of religion.

#### STATE OF RELIGION

your committee on state of religion make the following report.

The religious condition of our association is progressive. We see by the reports from all parts of our association, where God's word has been faithfully preached, God has blessed it to the conversion of many souls.

We see that even the dark places, had the light to shine in them, and the religion of our Lord has made many souls to rejoice, in the hope of the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted.

W F WHITE Chairman

Subject discussed by Eld D R McClung W F White and R M. Perry and the report adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee in the use of the word temperance would be understood to mean total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic beverages, believing as we do that all indulgence in such practice and all participation in the traffic in such drinks is altogether evil. In this day of enlightenment on this subject, we deem it unnecessary to enter into any lengthy argument to prove a fact in which scientist and moralist are fully agreed with the religious world, and shall only urge that, we as, an association, continue to press forward in the work until the last vestige of the liquor curse shall be removed from among us.

Respectfully submitted

J T BENSON, Chairman

The report was freely and fully discussed and adopted.

Call for report on obituaries.

#### OBITUARIES

Your committee on obituaries respectfully submit the following report.

It is with profound gratitude that we note the fact that many of our churches report no deaths. Yet from some cause the sad note of wailing, that tells our ranks are thinning constantly. Bethlehem reports the death of two of her members brother J M Stormont age 79 years 4 months and 13 days. Brother H T Stormont age 44 years. Union Grove, sister Emily Johnston, aged 41 years. Salim, Brother Jessie Waddie, aged 78 years. Union, sister J Dabery, aged 40 years. Thus "one by one" they are falling on every side. Let us not however brethren sorrow, as those who have no hope, but let us remember brethren, that those who have left us, are not lost, but gone before to that blessed home to which God is calling his children, "one by one."

Respectfully submitted

R. M. PERRY, Chairman

After reading the report the obituaries of brothers J M Stormont, and H T Stormont was read, and the report adopted.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We the executive board of Tombigbee Association make the following report. We find that Ed W W Gilbert worked 16 days. J M Harrison 6 W W Parker 2. For which labor we allowed them one dollar per day each. We have collected during the associational year 24 10. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. M. CHAFFIN Sec.

Oct. 18, 1892.

#### TREASURERS REPORT.

Wm M Chaffin, Dr. Oct. 19th, 1891.  
To amount received for printing Minutes, \$20 54  
For Mexican Missions, 10 30  
Public collection, 10 40  
Received for associational mis. 20 10  
On hand, 4 00  
For M A Brazzel, 1 00



Total	\$66 34
CREDITS.	
By amount paid H A Tupper, Mexican missions,	\$20 70
For minutes,	15 00
Clerk for services,	5 54
J H Powell, for M A Brazzeal,	1 00
For Associational missions,	24 00
On hand,	10
Total,	\$66 34

This October 18th, 1892.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. M. CHAFFIN, Treas.

Adopted

The minute fund being short a motion prevailed to contribute to said fund and \$1 25 was added to minute fund making a total of \$17 30.

On motion, the body went into an election of a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Nashville, Tenn., May, 1893.

Eld D R McClung was placed in nomination as a delegate and elected. Brother J T Benson was elected as alternate.

The Moderator appointed brother —, delegate to the Mississippi Baptist convention to meet at Vicksburg, Thursday before the fourth Lord's day of July, 1893.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Members of this body carrying minutes to any other association of like faith and order are declared by this body corresponding delegates.

#### QUERRIES.

On motion, the queries laid on the clerk's desk, were tabled.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved; That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters, of Highland church and friends in vicinity, for their kind hospitality so cordially extended to the delegates and visitors during the session. Respectfully,

J T BENSON.

Approved.

Moved that the Association adjourn to meet with Mount Pleasant church, Itawamba county, Miss., on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, A D, 1893.

The Association then adjourned, while the congregation sung, the parting hand was given. Great brotherly love and christian affection was manifested. Thus ended one of the most harmonious meetings it has ever been the pleasure of the writer to attend.

WM. CHAFFIN, Moderator.

FRANK M. BLOUNT, CLERK.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TOMBIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

##### FIRST DISTRICT

NAMES	POST OFFICE
J F Benson	Bowen, Miss.
Wm D Shaw,	Fulton, "
W W Parker	Rara Avis, "
M A Brazzeal	Fulton, "
W H Conwill	Eastman, "

##### SECOND DISTRICT

R M Perry	Highland, Miss.
J M Harrison	Hillside, "
W D Page	Highland, "
W W Gilbert	Belmont, "
D R McClung	Merora, "
J T Parker	Tynes, "
W F White	Pleasant Site, Ala.

Statistical Table of the Tombigbee Baptist Association for 1892.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Relation	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Mexican Missions	Associational Missions	Church Clerks
First District																
Bethany	J. F. Benson	Yale	1	3	12	1		1	1		87	\$ 1 50		\$ 1 30	\$	S. A. Holly
Hopewell	W. H. Conwill	Eastman	3	9	5						45	90			2 50	J. B. Fowler
New Home	N. T. Clayton	Bowen	3	3	3			4	1		25	35	34 00		2 75	Wm. Chamblee
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Benson	Rabunsville	3	7	8						77	75				W. H. Rouse
Mt. Zion	J. C. Giltintine	Fulton	1					22	1		14	50	10 00		3 75	H. T. Moxley
Mt. Pisgah	J. F. Benson	Bowen	4	3	1			11			40	65				J. Y. Bowen
Union Grove	J. F. Benson	Tilden	4	12	1					1	68	1 50	40 00			J. L. Farrar
Providence	J. F. Benson	Rara Avis		13	1			2	1		60	1 40		75		J. M. Weaver
Second District																
Antioch	D. R. McClung	Hodges	4	11	1						63	1 00				S. Mayhall
Bethel	R. M. Perry	Hillside	1					2	1		30	30				J. McRae
Bethlehem	D. R. McClung	Highland	3	2	7			4	1	2	23	1 00			75	A. J. Stormont
Ebenezer	W. W. Gilbert	Belmont	2	4				9	1		64	1 20			5 75	W. T. Shook
Highland	D. R. McClung	Highland	1	1				2	3		42	1 00			2 50	F. M. Blount
Jacksons Camp	J. M. Harrison	Burnt Mills									35	1 75				A. P. Hill
Red Bud	J. M. Harrison	Tynes	4	11	5						60	1 00				R. T. Hammett
Shiloh	W. H. Conwill	Pleasant Ridge	1	7							52	1 00				G. W. Carnack
Union	W. F. White	Pleasant Site, Ala	1	2	5			3		1	41	1 50				A. J. Clingman
Prospect	W. W. Gilbert	Mann, Miss	4	4							30	50				J. C. Long
Salim	J. T. Parker	Tynes Miss	1					1	5	6	38	80				S. T. Bean

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